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Torsten Wahler**REMARKS*****Claim Status***

Claims 1-12 are currently pending. Claim 6 has been cancelled and incorporated into claim 1. No new matter has been added.

***Claim Objections***

In paragraph 1, the Examiner objected to claim 2 for lacking a period at the end of the claim. The claim has been amended above to include the period. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

***Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103***

In paragraph 2, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 10 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Burkart (US Patent 6,470,762). Applicant traverses.

In paragraph 3 and 4 the Examiner indicated that claims 6-9 and 11-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the subject matter of intermediate claims. This is noted with appreciation. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include claim 6. Accordingly, the claims are now considered allowable and reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

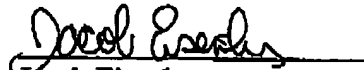
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## CONCLUSION

The present response is intended to correspond with the Revised Amendment Format. Applicant understands that with the Revised Amendment Format, the provisions of 37 CFR §1.121 are waived. Should any part of the present response not be in full compliance with the requirements of the Revised Amendment Format, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned for immediate correction.

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